

Research.gov – Overview of Service Offerings & Benefits

Led by the National Science Foundation (NSF), Research.gov is a partnership of federal, research-oriented grant-making agencies with a shared vision of increasing customer service for the research community while streamlining and standardizing business processes among partner agencies. Research.gov provides a comprehensive menu of grants management services for both the research community and federal government agencies. Research.gov is also a source for transparent information about federal research spending and outcomes for the general public and policymakers.

Research.gov Public-facing Services

These services are available to the public and provide the latest research award information, headlines, policies, events, and other exciting research content:

- **Science, Engineering & Education Innovation (SEE Innovation)** - Learn more about the outcomes and impacts of NSF-funded research. For example, read Award Highlights to find snapshots about NSF science and research-related awards, with easy-to-understand summaries describing the outcomes of projects and their benefits to society.
- **Research Spending & Results** - Search for detailed award information from NSF and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), including award abstracts and publication citations. Also, specifically find NSF-funded Recovery Act awards.
- **Policy Library** - An electronic library that consolidates federal and agency-specific policies, guidelines, and procedures for use by federal agencies and the awardee community.
- **Research Headlines** - News and highlighted research activities from NSF and participating partner agencies.

Research.gov Grantee Services

Research.gov also provides the following applicant and grantee services specifically for institution users registered with FastLane or Research.gov (These services are available by visiting www.research.gov):

Grants Application Status - Allows Sponsored Projects Offices (SPOs) and Principal Investigators (PIs) to check the status of their applications submitted to NSF, the Department of Defense's Army Research Office (DoD/ARO), and the Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA/NIFA) (*formerly known as the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, CSREES*).

With Grants Application Status, SPOs and PIs can:

- View a consolidated list of grant applications submitted to participating agencies
- View detailed application status history from submission to review to decision
- Maintain a single Log-in ID to view applications at participating agencies
- Search and sort applications by multiple fields (e.g., agency, tracking number, and received date)

Federal Financial Report - Complete and submit grant financial reports for NSF using the government-wide standard form.

With the Federal Financial Report, organizations can:

- Submit multi- and single award financial reports using the new standard government-wide form
- Navigate easily through user-friendly financial management forms with clear instructions
- Adjust financially closed awards
- Access web-based forms pre-populated with organization and grant information
- Download and upload information in Microsoft Excel format

Institution and User Management - Allows Institution Administrators with Research.gov accounts to add users and manage their profiles.



Future Service Offerings

In the future, Research.gov plans to offer:

- **Project Outcomes Report for the General Public** - A new report for the public, written in plain language by PIs, that provides clear insight into the outcomes and broader impacts of NSF-funded research as mandated by the America COMPETES Act of 2007. PIs will submit reports through Research.gov, and reports can be viewed by the public through Research Spending & Results.
- **Application Submission Web Service** - Now in a limited pilot, this service leverages institutions' investments in online grant application submission systems by providing a seamless connection for submitting grant proposals through these systems directly to Research.gov and Grants.gov.
- **Research Performance Progress Reports** - Online tool to complete and submit research performance progress reports using the new government-wide standard form.

Benefits to the Research Community

Research.gov offers the following benefits to the research community:

- Provides an integrated location for researchers to easily access information and services for multiple federal agencies.
- Increases efficiency in the grants management process by allowing researchers to focus more time on their work and less time on administrative tasks.
- Facilitates timely notification of the award review process and decisions.
- Provides modern online capabilities for conducting business with federal research agencies.
- Helps researchers comply with government-wide reporting requirements.
- Gives the research community insight into the grant-making process, as well as federal research spending and outcomes.

Benefits to NSF and Research.gov Partner Agencies

Research.gov offers the following benefits to NSF and partnering research agencies:

- Provides a venue for collaboration on innovative and customer-driven services that better serve the research community and promote a common research mission.
- Enhances the research-focused services and information that agencies provide by organizing information into a single access point throughout the grants management business process.
- Helps avoid costs of developing and implementing agency-specific online grants management services.
- Helps agencies fulfill federal mandates (e.g., American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, E-Government Act, America COMPETES Act, and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act).
- Increases agencies' level of transparency by offering the public clear insight into federal research spending and outcomes.

Benefits to the General Public

Research.gov offers the following benefits to the public:

- Provides transparent and open access to information about NSF-funded research projects and how the outcomes of that research benefits society.
- Offers access to financial details, such as the total amount of an award, the institution, state, and congressional district where the research is performed, and Recovery Act award funding.
- Provides integrated access to research-related information from multiple resources in one location.

